

Washington, D.C. □ Congressman Sires announced the release of federal funds under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The following entities from the 13th District received funding:

- Elizabeth -- \$839,604
- Jersey City-- \$2,676,991
- Newark --\$3,533,348
- Union City -\$555,355
- Essex County - \$2,520,882
- Hudson County - \$1,535,992
- Union County -\$2,169,536

“This funding will provide assistance to families at-risk of becoming homeless and it will help obtain housing for those who are already homeless” said Sires. Funding can be used to provide short and medium-term rental assistance, security deposits, and also helps local governments pay for the case management services, outreach and engagement efforts, and administrative expenses associated with these programs. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced a total of \$1,500,000,000 for programs across the country.

“The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act made significant investments in the economy and in infrastructure projects that are sorely needed. But I am happy that the Act made investments in people too,” said Sires. “The number of homeless increased as summer arrived so this funding is vital right now to help those on the brink of homelessness as well as those currently living in their car or on the streets.”

###